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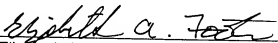
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—2. The closure of claim 1, wherein said ~~valve body includes at least one stop member for limiting~~ gear is operative to limit the longitudinal movement of said valve body within said product outlet passage between said open and closed positions.

4. ~~(Once Amended) 4.~~ The closure of claim 3, wherein said ear defines a stop member for limiting the longitudinal movement of said valve body within said sleeve between said open and closed positions and wherein said ~~limit~~ ear and said slot ~~both the longitudinal movement and~~ restrict rotational movement of said valve body within said sleeve.

5. The closure of claim 4, wherein said valve body includes a pair of ~~said stop members in the form~~ of ears disposed on opposite sides of said valve body, and wherein said sleeve includes a pair of guide members defining a pair of oppositely disposed slots each sized to respectively engage one of said ears to define and limit the longitudinal movement of said valve body between said open and closed positions.

34. ~~(Claim 6 rewritten in independent form)~~ A A closure for a container that is adapted to hold a product for dispensing, comprising:

(a) a cap member mountable to a container, said cap member having a product outlet passage and a sleeve defining said outlet passage

that includes a guide member and a longitudinal slot along said guide member; and

(b) a valve body disposed for longitudinal movement within said sleeve between an open position to permit flow of product through said passage from said container and a closed position to prevent flow of product through said passage, said valve body includes ~~including~~ at least one stop member ~~one stop member~~ ~~stop member~~ ~~member~~ disposed thereon that projects radially outwardly ~~having a chamfered surface in the form of a wedge that is adapted for engagement against one~~ ~~outwardly having a chamfered surface in the form of a wedge that is adapted for engagement against one~~ said guide member and is disposed thereon for limiting the longitudinal movement of said valve body within said sleeve between said open and closed positions, said stop member ~~having a chamfered surface in the form of a wedge that is adapted for engagement against~~ ~~having a chamfered surface in the form of a wedge that is adapted for engagement against~~ ~~having a chamfered surface in the form of a wedge that is adapted for engagement against~~ ~~having a chamfered surface in the form of a wedge that is adapted for engagement against~~ ~~positions, said~~ having a chamfered surface in the form of a wedge that is adapted for engagement against ~~stop member having a chamfered surface in the form of a wedge that is adapted for engagement against~~ said guide member, said stop member being seated within said slot to also restrict the rotational movement of said valve body within said sleeve, said valve body being radially deformable for selective removability from said sleeve passage in response to selective rotational force imposed on said

valve body in its open position to assist in deforming said valve body radially inwardly.

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2. The closure of claim 1, wherein said ear is operative to limit the longitudinal movement of said valve body within said product outlet passage between said open and closed positions.

4. The closure of claim 3, wherein said ear defines a stop member for limiting the longitudinal movement of said valve body within said sleeve between said open and closed positions and wherein said ear and said slot restrict rotational movement of said valve body within said sleeve.

5. The closure of claim 4, wherein said valve body includes a pair of ears disposed on opposite sides of said valve body, and wherein said sleeve includes a pair of guide members defining a pair of oppositely disposed slots each sized to respectively engage one of said ears to define and limit the longitudinal movement of said valve body between said open and closed positions.

34. A closure for a container that is adapted to hold a product for dispensing, comprising:

(a) a cap member mountable to a container, said cap member having a product outlet passage and a sleeve defining said outlet passage that includes a guide member and a longitudinal slot along said guide member; and

(b) a valve body disposed for longitudinal movement within said sleeve between an open position to permit flow of product through said passage from said container and a closed position to prevent flow of product through said passage, said valve body including at least one stop member

disposed thereon that projects radially outwardly for limiting the longitudinal movement of said valve body within said sleeve between said open and closed positions, said stop member having a chamfered surface in the form of a wedge that is adapted for engagement against said guide member, said stop member being seated within said slot to also restrict the rotational movement of said valve body within said sleeve, said valve body being radially deformable for selective removability from said sleeve passage in response to selective rotational force imposed on said valve body in its open position to assist in deforming said valve body radially inwardly.